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X-RAY SPECTROSCOPY

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Pursuant to the Office Action mailed May 4, 1994 and received in connection with the above-identified application please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 21-24.

Please add the following new claims:

A device for retaining a sample to be analysed spectrochemically, comprising:

a first tubular member forming a sample cell, said first tubular member having a first end, a second end, a frustoconically shaped outer surface that converges continuously from said first end to said second end, and an annular flange unitarily formed with said first end of said first tubular